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Bills 16, Chiefs 10: Defense turns up the heat on favored Chiefs, helping Bills to a victory that keeps them in the playoff hunt | PAGE B1

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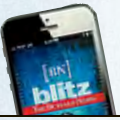
Bills linebacker Ramon Humber goes after Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith in the fourth quarter at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium, where Buffalo won, 16-10. The Chiefs were 10-point favorites entering the game.

Jerry Sullivan

Tyrod Taylor's play shows he deserves better than week-to-week status. *Story on Page B1*

Tim Graham

Bills cornerback E.J. Gaines rises to challenges from a Chiefs star and an errant whistle. *Story on Page B2*



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UB Foundation tied to offshore fracking fund

Seen affecting school's image as a climate-change leader

By JAY TOKASZ

NEWS STAFF REPORTER

The University at Buffalo Foundation used an offshore fund to invest in fracking and fossil fuels, even as university officials sought to portray UB as a national leader in climate-change and sustainability research.

The foundation invested through EnCap Flatrock Midstream, a venture capital firm that focuses solely on North American oil and gas extraction and production.

The foundation, a private entity that manages contributions on behalf of the public uni-



Robert Kirkham/Buffalo News

The University at Buffalo Foundation is a private entity that manages contributions on behalf of UB. It was not clear how much of its \$940 million in investments was in the fossil fuel industry.

Tax bill would lift ban on activity

By KENNETH P. VOGEL AND LAURIE GOODSTEIN

NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — For years, a coalition of well-funded groups on the religious right have waged an uphill battle to repeal a 1954 law that bans churches and other nonprofit groups from engaging in political activity.

Now, those groups are edging toward a once-improbable victory as Republican lawmakers, with the enthusiastic backing of President Trump, prepare to rewrite large swaths of the U.S. tax code as part of the \$1.5 trillion tax package moving through Congress.

Among the changes in the tax bill that passed the House this month is a provision to roll back the 1954 ban, a move that is championed by the religious right, but opposed by thousands of religious and nonprofit leaders, who warn that it could blur the line between charity and politics.

The change could turn churches into a well-funded political force, with donors diverting as much as \$1.7 billion each year from traditional political committees to churches and other nonprofit groups that could legally engage in partisan politics for the first time, according to an estimate by the nonpartisan congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

Tax bill negotiations are ex-

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